

2022 Report – Boarshead Upgrade and Primo Wireless



Completed Tower.



Concrete base pad down and ready to be cleaned up for the above-ground sections of the tower.

Boarshead, named after the defunct Boars Head Gold Mine nearby, is up on the hills near Tataraimaka in the Kaitake Range, about 16 kilometres southwest of New Plymouth.

Boarshead is getting a massive upgrade, with mains power already in place and fibre going in later in the year to pump out much more data to Primo's coastal customers. Two nine-metre towers have been installed, and because it is on a hill site with no proper road access it required 20 helicopter trips to get the towers and the 11.5 tonnes of concrete to the site.

The project includes fibre backhaul and mains power and will result in higher-capacity access radios for customers directly connected. It will also allow higher-capacity backhaul to feed sites downstream from Boarshead around the Taranaki coast. The major upgrade is being jointly funded by Primo and the Rural Capacity Upgrade programme.